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Amount of crude oil in tons

SEB Neusiedl	289
	725
SEB Muehlberg	725
SEB Aderklaa	800
SEB Matzen and SEB Bockfliess	7,200
Rohoel	450
Van Sickle	120
Erdoel Produktions Gesellschaft	130

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1. The following figures represent the production of crude oil by the Soviet Oil Administration (SMV) on 27 January 1954. They can be taken as a daily average with a maximum error of three percent.
2. The production of crude oil at SEB Bockfliess for January 1954 was 108,508 tons. The estimated daily production of crude oil at SEB Bockfliess for February 1954 is 3,530 tons.
3. The production of crude oil at SEB Muehlberg for January 1954 was 20,936 tons.
4. SMV planned to produce 300,000 tons of crude oil during January 1954. The actual production fell about two percent short of the plan, but the general management did not register a complaint in consideration that production difficulties had been caused by the extreme cold weather.
5. On 1 February 1954, the gas drill rig 62 at SEB Muehlberg had a gas eruption. The 50 tons of barite required to put the gas eruption under control were not obtainable. The only material available was 15 tons of barium sulphate, which was part of an anticipated 100-ton shipment from Hungary.
6. Alexander Tarzin, the deputy chief of Techneft, has ordered the sale to private firms of all seamless steel tubes for the refineries and cracking tubes which are presently

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stored at the Neusiedl Central Warehouse or are not used by an SMV sub-unit. Seamless steel pipe and cracking tubes have already been sold in part to the firm of Dr. Makelik (fmu), a Romanian.

7. On 21 January 1954, an express package weighing 214 kilograms, was delivered by airplane from the Soviet Union to the SMV. The package which contained special measuring instruments was delivered to the Carottage section.
8. The 2,000 kilograms of liquiton which arrived in 20 bags from Hamburg in December 1953, were ordered to be delivered immediately to SEB Matzen.
9. The liquiton and the new measuring instruments were expected to be used in the shooting of a new well at Zwerndorf at the beginning of February 1954. Other deep drillings are allegedly to be started this spring at SEB Muehlberg, and the area between the Maustrenker oil wells and Wilfersdorf.¹

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¹ [redacted] Comment. The cost of one deep drilling is estimated at approximately three to five million schillings.

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